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**To:** Microsoft ATR  
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**Subject:** Microsoft Settlement

Dear Judge Kollar-Kotally,

I oppose the proposed resolution in the MS case, better known as the Proposed Final Judgment. Over and above the usual economic risks presented by an unchecked monopolist -- rising prices and monochromatic innovation the nation's computer infrastructure will be increasingly vulnerable to attack if a single software system predominates. Obviously I am referring to Microsoft.

Suppose that 80 or 90 percent of the world's grain supply came from a single variety of corn. We would be faced with the unacceptable risk that some single disease, might wipe out an enormous portion of our food supply. Having only one kind of operating system or one kind of browser would make it terribly easier for saboteurs to bring the entire Internet to its knees. For one entity, such as Microsoft, to control 80 to 90 percent of the market for PC operating systems, Internet browsers, e-mail readers, and office productivity software is clearly a significant security risk. To then allow that monopoly to actively

attempt to drive out its remaining competition would hardly be in the public interest. Diversity is the key in producing economic prosperity and improving the society as a whole.

It's now up to you, Judge Kollar-Kotally, to decide whether the proposed settlement between Microsoft and the DoJ is a correct and just solution. However I believe it contains too many loopholes to create the desired effect, changing MS's behavior, let alone bring forth a certain type of diversity which would enhance our security.

Kind Regards,

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